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1. President Peron's reported attempt to resign from the presidency on 8 February 1949* has been confirmed by a separate source who added that the army would not allow him to do so.

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2. Persistent rumors of cabinet changes and a major shakeup in the government have been circulating. The army is demanding that more military men be placed in the cabinet.

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3. Even those cabinet ministers who are most influential in directing economic policy at the present time (Treasury Minister Ramon Cereijo and Industry and Commerce Minister Jose Constantino Barro) are in a very precarious position. Secretary of Transportation Lieutenant Colonel Juan F. Castro, heretofore one of the President's right-hand men, may have to be dismissed as a result of the deplorable condition of the railroads. The new Secretaries of Economy and Finance, Roberto Ares and Alfredo Gomez Morales, have become so discouraged with the chaotic financial conditions left by Miguel Miranda that they have attempted to resign.

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4. President Peron has received reports from the Secretariat of Labor that general discontent with the government has increased among the Peronista masses.

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